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Letter and Interview Summary

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Sir:

We greatly appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Johns during our May 17, 2005 interview.

As a statement of the substance of the interview, we discussed support for the remaining claims as indicated in the Interview Summary Form.

We appreciate the Examiner's indication that the claims appear to be adequately supported by the priority documents.

As a minor clarification to the Interview Summary Form, we note that the mentioned "enable/disable" functionality is found in an earlier specification section, e.g., as seen in priority document U.S. Patent No. 5,748,763 at Col. 29, line 61- Col. 30, line 4. The mentioned "Header Verification" specification section is found at Col. 43.

Out of an abundance of caution only, a terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith over commonly-owned U.S. Patent No. 6,590,997 (the "'997 patent") and any patent issuing from co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/017,678.

The application is believed ready for allowance. Nevertheless, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 503-469-4685 if any questions arise.

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